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LOK SABHA

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WLL IN GRAM PANCHAYATS/GRAM SABHAS
SURESH PASI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gram Panchayats and Gram Sabhas in all rural areas of India have been providedwith telephone facility through Multi Access Relay Radio (MARR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a majority of Gram Sabhas and Panchayats have not received instruments;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the instruments already received by some of them are not being maintained properly;

(f) if so, whether the Government propose to convert them into WLL keeping in view the failure of the system;

(g) if so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be started; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): Different technologies like MARR, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), Landlines and Satellite Terminals have been utilised to provide telecom facilities in Gram Panchayats and Gram Sabha of the rural areas of India.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. Instruments are provided with all VPT connections provided to Gram Panchayat and Gram Sabha villages including MARR based VPTs. However at some places MARR based VPTs were not giving satisfactory services.

(f) to (h): It is planned to convert all MARR based VPTs in all rural areas of India in a phased manner by 2004-2005.